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Dear Mr. Kleindienst:

For several years, I have been trying without success, to learn the identity of various suspicious individuals mentioned in the Warren Commission Report. In examining the twenty-six volumes of hearings and exhibits, I have been unable to locate any detailed information such as investigative reports or witnesses statements, which might identify those who at the time of the Assassination were contemporaneously considered suspect. I shall hereinafter refer to these people as suspects, as there is no available evidence to indicate they were investigated and thus cleared.

My line of inquiry has basically concerned the suspects reported in Commission Exhibits 705 and 1974 which are radio log transcripts of the Dallas Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. In an effort to determine if identifying reports on these suspects existed, I contacted by mail, the Dallas Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice and the National Archives. Except for the National Archives, the others responded with broad generalities, referrals, evasions and in the last instance by refusing to respond at all.

In his letter of April 13, 1970 to my congressman, Mr. Will Wilson stated that the facts about which I had posed questions were innocuous. There is however, no proof that they are innocuous, because neither the Department or the Warren Commission Report showed any proof that these suspects were ever investigated and therefore could not have been officially cleared of any involvement in the Assassination of the President. Mr. Wilson also stated in his letter, that I had been assured the evidence amply supports the basic conclusions

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of the Commission. I am not satisfied that all of the evidence does support the basic conclusion. Neither do I believe that ample support in such a case is a good substitute for unequivocal proof, if within the capacity of man to establish.

Since the begining of my inquiry, the basic question has been simple and to the point. Were these suspects investigated and if so, who are they and where are the investigative reports concerning them? We know, that in most instances police were sent to investigate. In some instances the police knew the numbers of the license plates of the vehicles driven by the suspects and in several instances, some of these suspects were at times actually in the hands of the police. Therefore, I think it reasonable to assume they were investigated and that their identities are known as well as reports having been written about them.

I would like to know if the Department of Justice or the Federal Bureau of Investigation does have or has had any reports on these suspects. I would appreciate a yes or no answer.

I do not at this time have copies of the previous correspondence on this matter however, one set was sent to Mr. Mithcell on January 10, 1970 by certified mail and another is in the hand of congressman James J. Howard, House of Representatives. I am sure congressman Howard still has his set and would be glad to make it available for your examination.

I am also aware that 5 USC provides me with a legal alternative, if the Department of Justice continues its evasiveness. I am prepared to move in that direction should it become necessary.

Very truly yours,

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